

## What the World is Saying . . .

### Letters to the editor . . .

Still the center of controversy in the outside world are the Japanese evacuated to assembly and relocation centers, who seem to be the favorite topic of "letters to the editor" writers. Following are some excerpts:

**Sacramento Bee**—M. C. wants the Japanese here treated exactly as aliens in Japan are treated. " . . . That is, if Japanese law prohibits children of aliens from becoming citizens if born there, let their own law automatically prevent Japanese children born here from being American citizens."

**San Francisco Chronicle**—Olive Swezy protested against the "racial antagonisms, superiority complexes, lust for power and wealth and other neurotic and anti-social forces which have brought civilization to the brink of chaos . . . I refer to the attempts to exclude Japanese from citizenship now being made by the Native Sons of the Golden West and other groups of so-called exclusive Americans, on the sole ground that they are not white."

**San Francisco Examiner**—R. W. Nicholson believes that women who take gifts of foods and delicacies to the Japanese in assembly centers are unpatriotic. " . . . could this be construed as 'giving comfort to the enemy'? If not, it certainly approaches such a status."

**San Francisco Examiner**—Constant Reader thought "Jap visiting and gift giving to people who are waiting to cut all our throats is disgusting" and should be stopped.

**Sacramento Bee**—Gordon H. Kenney protesting against the attitude that Americans "can't raise crops without the Japanese . . ."

**San Francisco News**—Helen Berry Baker wrote that Governor Olson's request to use the Japanese to harvest the crops was "the only sensible and possible solution to the labor dilemma facing the state of California . . ."

**Baptist group criticizes expulsion**  
Protesting that the evacuation of the Japanese on the west coast has violated "Christian principles of racial non-discrimination and respect, of justice and fair play . . ." the American Baptist Foreign Mission society and the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission society sent a resolution to President Roosevelt and the governors of seven western states.

**L1 Tokyo is no more**  
"Evacuated L1 Tokyo May Be Latin-American Quarter of City," ran the banner for a 30-inch feature story with two photos, announcing that plans are under way for economic and social resurrection of evacuated downtown district. One of the photos showed a man scraping off the Japanese sign of a former Japanese shop.

**Nisei girl brings charges**  
Mitsue Endo, 22-year-old nisei evacuated to a Modoc county relocation center, petitioned for her release from the center, attacking the constitutionality of Japanese exclusion and relocation procedures. Judge Michael J. Roche of San Francisco on Tuesday reserved decision for 15 days.

In a similar action by Kiyoshi Gordon Hirabayashi, 24, a University of Washington student, Judge Lloyd Black of Seattle stated he would rule the procedures constitutional unless convinced to the contrary.

### ROOF REPAIR PROMISED

In answer to complaints brought by local residents regarding roofing conditions, the Housing department announced that enough roofing paper and bats have been ordered and repairing will start as soon as the material arrives.

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## NET RECORDS BROKEN



Carroll Parcher, crack southland columnist, was the latest member of the newspaper tribe to visit Manzanar. He is pictured having lunch in Mess Hall 1, while waitress Yeiko Yamazaki pours water for him. Cut courtesy Glendale News-Press.

## Manzanar lures newshounds; Featured in top magazines

Mecca of newsmen and photographers, Manzanar has been busy escorting members of the fourth estate through its streets since that cold and dusty March 21st when the first 88 weary volunteers rolled into the center.

"Manzanar, the eyes of the world are upon you," might well be the theme song of this desert boomtown, as pictures of local residents dancing, eating, playing baseball, and going through their daily routine are plastered in every newspaper in America from Iowa to the New York Times.

Following the caravan of volunteers from Los Angeles on the very first day were newsreel photographers from all of the newsreel services, as well as reporters from Associated Press, International News Service, and United Press. Life and Time reporters also joined the band.

The list of newshawks who have paid their respects to Bob Brown, public relations head here, reads like a who's who of

American journalism. Lowly cub reporters on the Manzanar Free Press have shaken hands and exchanged quips with Jim Marshall of Colliers, John Morris of Life and Time and George McCadden, feature editor of Associated Press.

Among the visitors here last month were: Sidney James, also of Life and Time, and Frank Taylor, well known writer for Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest. Taylor was here to collect material for a Manzanar feature scheduled to appear soon in the Reader's Digest.

In the American Magazine appeared an article by Don Eddy, while Larry Davis came out with a full-page spread in the New York Times magazine section several weeks ago. All these articles have been extremely sympathetic in recording the activities of the Japanese under difficult conditions.

Other arrivals included Lee McCordle of the Baltimore Sun, Tom Cameron of the Los Angeles Times, and Phil Garrison of the Los Angeles Daily News. Chicago Sun and the Acme News Services were represented by ace reporters. Even the staid Christian Science Monitor was interested in presenting a graphic picture of Manzanar to its vast circulation.

Most recent sojourner through Manzanar was Bill Baxter, enterprising editor of Westways, favorite coast travel journal, who has written about a typical Japanese family called the Nakamuras for the August issue of his magazine.

Carroll Parcher, columnist for Glendale News-Press and other southland papers, arrived here last week and came out with a thorough and inclusive article on local life here. Parcher is pictured above having dinner at one of the mess halls.

Says Bob Brown, ace public relations man who was recruited

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## Woman worker Produces four Nets per day

All kinds of net-garnishing records were being broken by crews at the camouflage factory last week as work on the nets reached a new high.

Outstanding single producer for the past week was Mrs. Karl Yoneda, 4-2-2, who, single-handed, produced four nets per day with an efficiency record of 133 per cent.

Two record-breaking crews in the boys' division, led by James W. Hashimoto and Tom Sawa, produced a total of 50 nets during the five and a half day week ending Friday. Though required to do only 30 nets per week, the two crews produced 20 nets over quota. In one day they garnished 13 nets, 22x22 feet size, breaking thus far the men's record for net production.

In the girls' division, Florence Kuwata's crew produced a total of 38 nets during the week. They produced 10 nets in one day for the girls' record.

Roy Nakano's crews 1-2A and 1-3B, producing giant nets, 30x30 feet size, garnished a total of 21 nets per crew for the week, recording an efficiency rating of 140 percent each.

For the second consecutive week, Saeko Sugimoto's crew, weaving 12x12 nets, topped its own record by producing a total of 103 nets for the week. Toshiye Maruyama's crew followed up with a production of 99 nets.

All record-breaking crews received watermelons. The highest production record for the week was on Thursday with a total output of 577 nets.

### OPTOMETRIST TO ARRIVE

Arrival of a qualified optometrist, Dr. Robert Skelton, on August 6 or 7, was announced today by the Community Services.

## Modern \$150,000 sewer plant For camp nearing completion

The center's \$150,000 sewage plant, one of the most modern in Owens Valley, is nearing completion one and a half miles southeast of Manzanar.

Occupying one acre of ground, this plant is designed to handle sewage for 10,000 people. An 18-inch pipe, extending a distance of 8,000 feet, connects the sewer plant with the center.

The clarifier and the digester are the principal parts of the plant. The clarifier separates the water from other waste material. The waste goes to the digester where it ferments and forms a gas. The sludge in the digester is forced out by gravity to the sludge pits.

An interesting feature of the digester is that it manufactures its own combustible gas which, when burned, heats the pipes from the digester to hasten fermentation.

## Experts to Encourage Agriculture

From San Francisco regional headquarters arrived Earl De Smidt, assistant regional agricultural engineer, who is here to assist H. R. MacConnel, farm superintendent, in the procurement of tractors, farm implements, fertilizers and other needed equipment.

His presence emphasizes the growing importance of the farm projects in supplementing the center food supply with vegetables from the local fields.

In view of the contemplated 3,000 acres for the agricultural project, ultimate utilization of all available manpower is foreseen. This year due to the lateness of the planting season and the time involved in the conditioning of the ground, only 125 acres were planted. Results of this year's planting will guide future plans in the expanded program.

Hervy Brown, civil engineer of the public works division, and Tomio Harada, irrigation engineer, have been exploring plans for increased acreages.

### TAKEN FROM JAIL TO FILL O.W.I. JOB

From a dark prison cell to a government job was the amazing metamorphosis of Shuji Fujii, anti-fascist and former editor of Doho.

Three weeks ago it was announced that he had been arrested in Santa Anita Assembly Center for allegedly circulating a petition asking for a Japanese language newspaper.

These charges have now been dismissed by United States Commissioner David B. Head, after receiving instructions from Elmer Davis, chief of the Office of War Information.

Fujii and his wife, Kikue, are en route to New York where they will work in an OWI office.

### Present set-up of Stores only temporary

Since May 24, the community stores now operating, the Canteen and Department Store, have been under management of an appointed personnel. The present status of both store and employees is temporary until formal incorporation papers can be filed with the Secretary of State. This will follow organization after Thursday's election and appointment of the Board of Directors.